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Attorney Docket Number		2047-179
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Application Number		/
Filing Date		February 18, 2001
Group Art Unit		
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 17th day of January, 2001.

David W. Bell  
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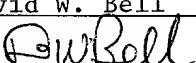
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